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# Aptos Chamber president surprised by his victory

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Brewster Burns, who before last Tuesday was not assured of a spot on the Aptos Chamber of Commerce board, unanimously has been elected president for 1982-83.

Burns, a local civil engineer, has been a chamber director for the past four years and served as vice president two years ago. He will succeed Bob McKenzie and officially takes office at the annual installation dinner Nov. 6.

Burns was elected to another term on the board with four others in a recent election. The new board selected him Thursday.

"It (the presidency) certainly came as a surprise. I didn't even know if I would be on the board again," Burns told The Sentinel.

"The chamber has become a very vibrant force in the mid-county and I'd just like to be a part of it," he said. "I will attempt to orchestrate the chamber without imposing any personal goals. I hope to take a back seat on most issues and allow the chamber membership to voice their opinion."

That "opinion" has been clearly heard in the past. The chamber already is on record as supporting the controversial

visitor-serving Wingspread Beach development on the Porter-Seson property. Thursday, it came out against Proposition 11, the container deposit initiative.

Burns hopes to initiate such "pro and con" discussion during his reign and "see every chamber member participate as much as possible."

He adds, "We want to broaden our base, too. We want to show businesses that there is a platform in Aptos for them to voice their feelings."

Long-time director Audrey Pancake, like Burns re-elected to another term, was selected vice president. McKenzie will be secretary and Gordon Maxinoski of County Bank will be treasurer.

Tim Cleary and Chuck Holcomb were also re-elected. Greg Dunn is the new director, defeating such familiar names as Lucile Aldrich, Bob Bailey Sr., Marilyn Brenner and Pat Davis in a close race.

The annual installation and awards dinner will be Nov. 6 at Deer Park Tavern. Cocktails will be served from 7 to 8 p.m., and a steak dinner will follow.

"Aptos: Then and Now" will be the theme. Ethel Bagnall, clerk at Leask's in Rancho del Mar shopping center, and postmaster John Tarr will handle the "then." Tim Welch of Hare, Brewer and Kelley, which is proposing the Wingspread development, will talk on the "now."

Cost is \$15. Tickets are available from Wells Fargo Bank and Merle Norman Cosmetics in Aptos, as well as the chamber office. Call 688-1467 for details.